

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE November 5, 1986

FULL NAME Thomas Jay Strickland SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]CITY Beatrice STATE NE ZIP CODE 68310DATE OF BIRTH 5/50 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Mormon NATIONALITY _____OCCUPATION Law Enforcement Office

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 200 approx. HEIGHT 5' 11" Approx. RACE WhiteCOLOR OF HAIR Light Brown COLOR OF EYES _____

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN _____
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Post 300	Beatrice	NE	EA	12/31/86	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Charges with sexual abuse of a minor on October 2, 1986. An incident occurred with a young girl, not a registered Explorer. Tom has been under a doctor's care in Lincoln, NE, since. He was fired from the Beatrice Police Department effective December 5, 1986.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

He is not allowed to visit Gage county, the county where the incident occurred.

F. STARON

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Chadwick #321

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February 2, 1968

Mr. Jerry D. Houchens
Scout Executive
Cornhusker Council, No. 324

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Strickland

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

READY TO FILE
FEB 02 1968
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF024096

Strickland pleads guilty to sexual contact charge

By Cheryl Alberts

Sun staff writer

A presentence investigation was ordered for a former Beatrice policeman who pleaded guilty Tuesday afternoon to a reduced charge of sexual contact with a 14-year-old child last October.

Tom Strickland, 36, was charged with the Class IV felony during a 45-minute arraignment in Gage County District Court. Maximum penalty is five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Strickland, now of Lincoln, was originally charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old child, a Class II felony punishable by up to 50 years imprisonment. A jury trial had been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

Strickland bent his head in his arms and sobbed as special prosecuting attorney Paul Schelstraete of Crete read evidence for the reduced charge before Judge William Rist.

Schelstraete said the alleged victim told law enforcement officials she was trying on a bathing suit in her room at her

home on the afternoon of Oct. 12 when the sexual contact occurred. It didn't appear that the defendant had sexual intercourse with the girl, Schelstraete said.

Strickland then apparently went to the bathroom and took some pills, Schelstraete said. Strickland allegedly later told a psychiatrist that similar incidents had happened before, "but not to this degree," according to the evidence Schelstraete presented.

Strickland was reportedly hospitalized following the incident.

Strickland's court-appointed attorney Ronald Sutter of Beatrice said the defense didn't agree with all of the testimony, but didn't offer any counter testimony.

As part of a presentence investigation, Rist ordered Strickland to see a Lincoln and an Omaha psychiatrist to determine if he is a mentally disoriented sex offender. Strickland is out of jail on bond.

Strickland had been an officer with the Beatrice Police Department for eight years.



SCOUTING/USA

National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-0096
Telephone: [REDACTED]

January 11, 1988

Mr. Jerry D. Houchens
Scout Executive
Cornhusker Council, No. 324

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Strickland

Dear Jerry:

Periodically, we follow up on our confidential file matters which have not been closed. We really would like to put this particular case "to bed" so that we would not have to worry about it any longer and make certain we can refuse registration anywhere an attempt might originate.

We really must have the outcome of the legal action which took place related to the above-named individual. If you can send us this, we believe we have everything we need since you did send us the Confidential Record Sheet and newspaper clippings related to the plea of innocent.

Please let us know if we may be of help to you in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

CONF024098

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JAN 11 1988
ERIN ORILEY

CONF024099

November 3, 1987

Mr. Jerry D. Houchens
Scout Executive
Cornhusker Council, No. 324

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Strickland

Dear Jerry:

This is a follow-up to our previous communication concerning the above-named individual. Some of the material which you sent us previously indicated that a trial would take place in March.

We have not heard from you since that time and wondered if the final disposition had been reached. We would like the final outcome and sentencing which may have taken place related to this individual.

Please let us know if we may be of any help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

CONF024100

August 20, 1987

Mr. Jerry D. Houchens
Scout Executive
Cornhusker Council, No. 324

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Strickland

We had communication concerning the above named individual earlier this year. I hope the legal action is now complete and a final disposition has been decided.

Please send the outcome and sentencing of these charges. This would complete our file and give us all information necessary for refusing registration application.

If we can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

CONF024101



SCOUTING/USA

CORNHUSKER COUNCIL, INC. NO. 324
Boy Scouts of America
Suite 400, 3940 Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504-1580
[REDACTED]

January 29, 1987

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is latest articles on

Thomas J. Strickland.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Houchens
Scout Executive
Cornhusker Council, BSA

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CONF024102

Ex-Beatrice officer pleads innocent

BEATRICE (AP) — Thomas J. Strickland, 36, a former police officer charged with first-degree sexual assault, pleaded innocent in Gage County District Court.

A March 31 jury trial was scheduled Monday for Strickland, who now lives in Lincoln.

The crime allegedly occurred last October and involved a child less than 16 years old.

Jury trial set after innocent plea

A March 31 jury trial has been set for a former Beatrice police officer charged with first degree sexual offense.

Thomas J. Strickland, 36, who now lives in Lincoln, pleaded innocent to the charge in Gage

County District Court Monday.

The offense is a Class II felony, punishable by one to 50 years in prison.

The charges stem from an Oct. 12 incident involving a child less than 16 years of age.

December 10, 1986

Mr. Jerry D. Houchens
Scout Executive
Cornhusker Council, No. 324

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Thomas J. Strickland

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for the Confidential Record Sheet concerning the above-named individual. This seems to give us the information which we need for setting up a confidential file.

We would like to know the outcome of any legal action which may take place. This will strengthen our file and make certain that registration can be refused at any time in the future. In the meantime, we have Mr. Strickland on our temporary file.

Thank you for your help in completing this case.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

READY FOR FILE

DEC 19 1986

SHIRLEY METER

CONF024104

November 3, 1986

Mr. Jerry D. Houchens
Scout Executive
Cornhusker Council, No. 324

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Thomas Jay Strickland

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your letter concerning the above-named individual. This is most helpful to us and appreciated. We will start a file which will lead to future refusal of registration attempts.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed with as much information as you can secure. This will enable us to identify Mr. Strickland should he move to another part of the country and try to register in future years.

We would also like for you to keep us informed as this case progresses further. We would need copies of court records or newspaper clippings which would substantiate the outcome of the legal proceedings.

We would also like to know whether these sexual charges related to involvement with youth in the past and whether they were with girls or boys.

Thank you for your help in setting up a file which will give us substantiation for refusal of registration attempts and protect the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Encl.

cc: North Central Region

READY FOR FILE

NOV 3 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

CONF024105



Boy Scouts of America

Suite 400, 3940 Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504-1520. [REDACTED]

October 29, 1986

Director of Registration
Boy Scouts of America
National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75038-3096

CONFIDENTIAL

Thomas Jay Strickland
[REDACTED]
Beatrice, NE 68310

Current registration as Advisor of Explorer Post 300
Member Identification Number 013166

Sponsored by Beatrice Police Department

White Male

Date of Birth 5/25/50

New Registration as of 12/85

Jerry Houchens
Scout Executive

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F. STARON

NOV 3 1986



Charge filed

A felony sexual assault charge was filed against Beatrice Police Officer Tom Strickland Friday.

The first degree charge was filed in Gage County Court.

Special prosecutor Paul Schelstraete said Strickland, 36, is under the supervision of the Gage County Mental Health Board. He declined to say where Strickland was staying or release other details of the assault.

Schlesstraete is a Crete attorney appointed by Gage County Court Judge Steven Timm to prosecute the case. Beatrice attorney Ron Sutter was appointed Friday to represent Strickland and a further hearing was scheduled for Nov. 7.

Strickland, an eight-year veteran of the Beatrice Police Department, was admitted to a Lincoln hospital two weeks ago following an overdose. Schelstraete would give no details on the abuse incident.

Beatrice Police Chief Don Luckeroth said Friday that Strickland remained on sick leave from the department.

First degree sexual assault is a Class II felony punishable by one to 50 years in prison.

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

ADULT APPLICATION

USE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—
LESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

FIRST NAME AND INITIAL: T h o m a s J a y

LAST NAME: S t r i c k l a n d

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.: [REDACTED]

CITY: B e a t r i c e

STATE: N E C

ZIP CODE: 8 3 1 0

DATE OF BIRTH: 0 5 2 5 5 0

POSITION: E N

DATE: 0 1 / 0 8 / 9 6

PHONE: [REDACTED]

COUNCIL: [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE—SEE COVER

REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 5.00

BOYS' LIFE FEE: \$ 0.00

TERM (MONTHS): 12

UNIT RENEWAL DATE: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS: P o l i c e o f f i c e r

APPROVAL—SEE COVER

FOR COUNCIL USE:
TRANSFER FROM: [REDACTED]

COUNCIL: [REDACTED]

NAT'L UNIT NO.: [REDACTED]

MEMBER ID NO.: [REDACTED]

IF applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

NEW POST APPLICATION
NEW SHIP APPLICATION

PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE.
LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN WORDS.

FOR OFFICE USE						
REGION	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT NO.	NAT. UNIT NO.	LOCAL UNIT NO.	TERM (months)	EXP. DATE Mo. & Yr.
NIC	324	1	E3300	300	12	12/86

CITY

STATE

CHRL. ORG. CODE

COUNTY

DISTRICT

FULL NAME OF CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

Beatrice Police Dept

NAME AND TITLE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PHONE NO.

CITY AND STATE

ZIP CODE

Don Lucke 2076, CHIEF

Beatrice Ne. 68318

SIGNATURE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF ADVISOR/SKIPPER

POST MEETING PLACE AND DAY

Wednesday City Auditorium

ADVISOR/SKIPPER

POST SPECIAL INTEREST

SPECIAL POST FOR:

Law Enforcement

RETARDED

SPECIAL INTEREST CODE

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
EXPLORER REGISTRATION FEES
LEADER REGISTRATION FEES
TOTAL FEES

HANDICAPPED

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\$24.58
\$30.00
\$54.58